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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004, Applicants submit the following RESPONSE.

A two month extension of time is hereby petitioned. Please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0261 in the amount of \$210.00 for the extension of time fee (small entity). Authorization is also hereby granted to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejections have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

A Notice of Allowance with claims 2-19 and 22-27 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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